#### LOCAL MENTION. AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

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and Burlesque. Columbia Theater .- "The Passion Play." Grand Opera House .- "McCarthy's Mis-Kernan's Lyceum Theater .- Sam Devere's

Own Company. Lafayette Square Opera House .- "Cum New National Theater.—"What Happened to Jones." National Rifles' Armory.—Concert by the Princeton Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Club. Willard Hall .- The Biograph.

### EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Samuel J. Pentz for Glymont and intermediate landings at 9:30 a.m. Steamer Washington for Norfolk and Fortress Monroe at 7 p.m. Trains leave 131/2 street and Pennsylvania avenue for Arlington hourly from 8 a.m. to

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## CITY AND DISTRICT.

Hearst Kindergarten Exercises.

The Christmas entertainment of the Hearst Kindergarten was held this morning, commencing shortly after 9 o'clock, at its building, No. 2037 H street northwest. Nearly fifty of the little folks were presen when the giant tree in the front parlor was lighted, and for a few minutes the chatter of baby voices defied all efforts on the part of those in charge to adopt any regu-Miss Skillman, the superintendent, ably

assisted by her coworkers, had arranged a very pretty list of songs, some of which the children sang while standing, accompanied on the piano by one of the teachers.

The parents and friends of the young

people witnessed the exercises. At the con-clusion of the entertainment, which lasted nearly an hour, the school closed its sessions for the holidays.

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will close their store the entire day Christ-mas, as usual. Open today and tomorrow until midnight.—Advt.

Festivities at Rosedale Mission. The Rosedale mission of Douglass M. E. Church held its Christmas exercises yesterday at the mission house, No. 1627 H street northeast. The infant department entertained their friends by a prettily arranged program at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, while the junior and adult classes did their part in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. In both programs, consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations, mission talent alone was represented. At the close of the exer-cises, both afternoon and evening, each cises, both afternoon and evening, each scholar was presented with a bag of colored netting of generous proportions, filled with candy, nuts and popcorn. In all, 240 bags were distributed, and the happy faces of the children testified their appreciation of the treat.

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## Chicago Troops Coming.

It has been learned in this city that the 1st Regiment, Illinois National Guard, located in Chicago, is perfecting arrangements for a trip east next summer. The plan includes a visit to Washington and provides for a street parade, exhibition drill and dress parade while here.

Hot House Asparagus, Boston Lettuce C. Engel's Sons, Center market .- Advt.

Suit Against a Railroad.

Suit at law to recover \$5,000 damages has been filed by Hannah Free against the Capital Traction Company. The plaintiff alleges that certain property owned by her has suffered damages at the hands of the defendant company. Messrs. Mackey, Tucker and Clephane are the attorneys for

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SEINING THE CANAL

to Seneca.

Bass Also Taken Out at Woodmont The Illegal Scining in Little River to Receive Official Attention.

Despite the miserable weather of the present week, the work of seining the Chesapeake and Ohio canal and removing from the pools and holes the black bass and crapple contained therein has been diligently prosecuted by Capt. L. G. Haron of the fish commission and a party of experts under his charge. The seining commenced early Monday morning in the canal at Little Falls, and the men have now approached within a short distance of Seneca. The pools in the canal in the vicinity of Seneca will be seined tomorrow, and the work at this end of the canal will be discontinued for the present. The party found many deep holes in the canal which could not be successfully seined, as well as many other pools where the bottoms were so rocky that the lead line of the seine could not be held down sufficiently to prevent fish from escaping under it.

#### A Fair Catch.

Notwithstanding the obstacles of weather, however, and the other conditions mentioned, Capt. Haron and his men took out and returned to the Potomac river up to yesterday afternoon about seven hundred small-mouth black bass, about a thousand crapple of very good size and a number of large-mouth black bass, the latter being caught near Little Falls. All these fish were placed immediately upon being cap-tured in the waters of the Potomac river. A number of large carp were caught and immediately killed.

Caught at Woodmont.

Mr. James M. Green, the secretary of the Woodmont Club, received a report from the club superintendent this morning, which stated that the canal in that vicinity had been seined under the direction of the organization for two days, the result being that 236 small-mouthed black bass of fine size were taken out and placed in the Po-tomac. An extraordinary feature of the work there was the capture of a large-mouth black bass weighing six and a half pounds. The presence of this species so far up the river, or, rather, the canal, is very unusual. Further seining was pre-vented by the formation of ice, and the report stated that two inches of snow cov-ered the grounds at Woodmont. Seining there will be continued when the weather

Propagating Black Bass.

Dr. George W. Massamore, deputy game warden of the state of Maryland, has written to interested parties here in Washington, stating that one of the fresh water ponds in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, has teen set aside for the purpose of propa-gating small-mouthed black bass, from which the streams of the state will be supplied in the future. Dr. Massamore also plied in the future. Dr. Massamore also states that he is arranging to have parties seine the canal pools in the vicinity of Williamsport, Md., where so many bass were captured and placed in the river last winter.

Scining in Little River.

The United States fish commission has een informed that the persons who are in the habit of night seining in Little river, back of Analostan river, which the bass and crappie seek in such numbers when cold weather comes on, are preparing to carry on their operations again. The fish commission will call the attention of the District Commissioners to this matter at once, and request that a strict patrol be kept over the Little river waters.

## MR. COCHRAN EXONERATED.

Outcome of the Famous Dog Fighting Case.

Mr. Charles Cochran, son of Representaive Cochran of Missouri, has been fully exonerated of the charge that he was present at the dog fight which took place in Senator Cullom's stable a few nights ago. A complete alibi was proven by his witnesss. Prosecuting Atterney Pugh nolle prosse the case against Cochran, although Mr. Drew, his attorney, insisted on going into court, as his client's vindication was clear. In the case of the other parties implicated, the forfeitures were set aside and an arrangement made by which John Green forfeited \$25. Thomas Green \$25. John W. Almot \$25, Henry Plummer \$25, and Isaiah Washington \$25, and Miss Alice Eerry \$10. It was also understood that upon the payment of \$25 each by John Trumbo and Henry Syphax, the charges against them will also be dismissed. None of the parties named, except young Mr. Cochran, were in

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M. M. Parker Lodge Installs Officers. At the last stated communication of Myron M. Parker Lodge, No. 27, F. A. A. M., the officers, who had been previously elected, were installed by Past Master Francis Edward Camp, as follows: Thos. A. Perry, W. M.; Jos. M. McCoy, S. W.; John A. Moyer, J. W.; A. K. Lind, secretary; J. Eldridge Burns, treasurer (reelected); Caleb Pennington, S. D.; Thos. B. Crisp, J. D.; Z. T. Jenkirs, M. C.; Wm. O. Wetmore, S. S.; Wilburn R. Carver, J. S., and Ira G. Phillips, tiler.

Reduced Rates for Students via Penn-sylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell to students excursion tickets to all prominent points east and west of Pitts-burg, including Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis, at reduced rates. These tickets will be sold until December 24, in-clusive, and will be good to return until January 11, 1898, inclusive. For detailed information apply to ticket agents.-Advt.

A Study in Historical Charades.

Minnehaha Lodge of Good Templars received as visitors at its session Tuesday evening Mr. J. Ford, a veteran in Good Templar ranks from Virginia, and delegations from Friendship, Columbia and Morning Star ledges. Following the regular routine, the Misses Frances Fuller and Nellie Smith conducted the good of the order program, including a rapid procession of historical charades, in which pantomime exercise nearly every member of the lodge, as well as visitors, took part. Prof. H. R. Stewart delivered an instructive address on parasites. Past Grand Counsellor Mauph parasites. Fast Grand Counsellor Maupin made an address on the progress the world of refermers are making in methods of work. The Misses Fuller and Nellie Smith rendered a vocal duet.

The lodge arranged to take part in watch

night services, which are to be held in Min-nehaha Lodge Hall, under auspices of the Grand Lodge with Grand Counsellor Jesse C. Suter as director of the program.

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Held for Embeszlement. William Wallace has been held in \$500

bail by Judge Kimball for a hearing tomorrow to answer a charge of embezzle ment of \$3.19 from Edwin B. Terry and Charles W. Terry, operating as the Columbia Transfer Company. The arrest was made last evening by Policemen Oriani and Judge at the request of .Detectives

Baur and Muller.

According to the statements made in court Wallace, who was a driver for the Columbia Transfer Company, took three packages to the home of Mr. Thomas S. Barlow, No. 813 North Capitol street, and According to the statements made in court Wallace, who was a driver for the Poackages to the home of Mr. Thomas S. Barlow, No. 813 North Capitol street, and collected thereon the sum above named, but which, it is alleged, he failed to turn over to his employers, to whom, it is claimed, it belonged. The warrant in the case was sworn out by Mr. E. B. Terry.

Holiday Excursion Rates via Chesapenke and Ohio Ry.

The C. and O. will sell holiday excursion tickets to all points east of Huntington, W. Va., at greatly reduced rates on December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, good returning until January 4. Inquire at ticket offices, 513 and 1421 Penns. ave., and B. and P. station.—Advt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Annual Election by Ninth Street Christian Organization.

The annual election of officers for the Sunday school of the Ninth Street Christian Church, Rev. E. B. Bagby, pastor, was held last evening at Epworth M. E. Church South, corner of 7th and A streets northeast, Rev. John O. Knott, pastor, use of the church having been tendered to Mr. Bagby's congregation for the purpose.

The following were chosen: Superintendent, J. A. Scott; assistant superintendent, J. A. Hopkins; secretary, G. W. Pratt; assistant secretary, J. C. Adkins; treasurer J. A. Moreland; librarian, Frank Morrison; assistant librarian, W. G. Hurley; choris-ter, Herry Brewood; organist, Miss Bertha

ter, Henry Brewood; organist, Miss Bertha McNaught.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church held a handkerchief social at the home of Mr. G. W. Pratt in Southeast Washington, a few evenings since, and realized about \$50, with which they completed the payment of \$800, the amount promised by the society for the building promised by the society for the building fund of the new house of worship.

The Sunday school room of the new edifice is almost ready for occupancy, and it is expected the first service will be held there

early in the new year.

A cantata, to which only members of the Sunday school will be admitted, will be rendered by members of the school at Northeast Temple Monday evening next. It was necessary to adopt this course be-cause there is not room in the hall of the temple to accommodate as many persons as there are names on the roll, all of whom have signified their intention to be present. After the new church is completed the can-tata will be repeated and the public will be invited to be present.

The Argentine Republic.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: Your diplomatic correspondent a week or two ago gives a fearful account of the purposes of the present Emperor of Germany, and particularly of his designs upor the independence of the Argentine Republic. He despises the Monroe doctrine, and holds the power of the United States in great contempt. Still, before succumbing and resigning ourselves to the idea that the modern German empire can do what the

ture to look into the state of the facts as they now stand.

It seems to be taken for granted by the empercr and his confidential friend that the Argentine government will peaceably submit to being overthrown and set aside, and the people of that country will cheerfully resign the honor and privileges of living under a republican government for the greater honor of becoming a German province.

holy alliance did not attempt to do three-

quarters of a century ago, we may ven-

Its present condition and prospects seem to be good. In 1892 its population was 4.-700,000, and as the rate of increase is rapid, there can be not less than a million more by this time. The state encourages immigration, and in 1892 there were nearly a million and three-quarters of Europeans in the country; and it is in point to note in the country; and it is in point to note that the Germans constituted next to the smallest portion of all. Of more than 1,-700,000 there were only 17,000 Germans, that is to say, one in a hundred. It is now claimed that there are a hundred thousand German immigrants, and if other nationalities have increased half as fast there would now be five millions of for-eigners in the land—Italians, French, English, Scotch, Irish, Hungarians and others even Russians.

The Argentines are Roman Catholics, and that form of religion is established, though on a liberal basis of toleration. Germany is Protestant and Lutheran, and it is not probable that a Catholic republic will sur-render its independence to a Protestant

monarchy without a struggle.

It is not improbable that Brazil and every country of South America, backed by the United States and the Monroe doctrine, would take sides in such a struggle If they should remain quiet and acquiescent they might naturally conclude that their turn for being gobbled up would

The capital of the Argentine Republic, Buenos Ayres, is a great city. It now has 600,000 inhabitants. It enjoys all the appliances of modern civilization-a free press schools, colleges, streets lighted with gas, and city cars propelled by steam or elec-tricity. The country has a large area of fertile soil and aspires to become a great power on the American continent. It has manufactures and a rapidly growing commerce. It has a territorial extent of 488,200 square miles. Germany embraces 211,135 square miles. In the primeval days it was whale that swallowed Jonah I am not of the opinion that in this nine-teenth century of the Christian era, and near its close, Jonah will swallow the whale. DANIEL R. GOODLOE. December 21, 1897.

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Transfers of Real Estate.

C street southeast between 9th and 10th streets-Rosa E. Mangum to Wm. J. Kirby, part lot 6, sq. 945; \$10. B street northeast between 4th and 5th streets-Thos. W. Scott to Noble E. Daw-

son, parts of lots 10 and 11, sq. 815; \$10. D street northeast between 1st and 2d streets-Augustus B. Gray et ux. to Matthew Looran, lot 81, sq. 723; \$10.

Meridian Hill—Leo Simmons et ux. to Samuel P. Fisher, lot 27, blk. 3; \$10. H street southwest between 3d and 4½ streets—Christina Bell to Chas. B. Purvis, part lot 31, sq. 540; \$10. Eleventh street southeast between M and N streets—Jas. T. Bradford et ux. to Frank L. Attwell and Thos. W. Stubblefield, south one-half original lot 26, sq. 977; \$10. Rhode Island avenue northwest between

11th and 12th streets—Edw. J. Stellwagen et al., trustees, to Thos. F. Rea, lot 26, sq. et al., trus: 310; \$6,725. Pennsylvania avenue northwest between 3d and 4½ streets—Wm. C. Hill et al., trustees, to James E. Baines, lot 28, reservation A; \$6,370.

Fourteenth street southeast between E

and G streets—James H. C. Wilson to Clar-ence W. Dickey, lots 37, 38, 39, sq. 1043; \$10. No. 140 B street southwest—Henrietta Stuart to Benj. F. Trenis, part lot 12, sq. Cottage Hill-Geo. Y. Worthington et ux.

to Robt. H. Atkinson, lots 50, 51, 55, blk. No. 2124 M street northwest-John Savary to Geo. W. Emerson, part original lot 1, sq. 71; \$10. Eighth street northeast between F and

G streets-Chas. R. Pickford to Maria E. Tallmadge, part lot 108, sq. 913; \$10.

Ninth street northeast between F and G
streets—Jules A. Rodler to Maria A. Tallnadge, part lot 141, sq. 913; \$10.

signed a decree divorcing Robert M. Dobbins from Florence Dobbins. The original bill in the case was filed by Mrs. Dobbins.
Thereupon, Mr. Dobbins filed a cross-bill,
on which Judge Hagner granted the divorce, dismissing the original bill filed by

Mrs. Dobbins. Desertion on the part of Mrs. Dobbins was the ground on which the court severed the bonds. Mr. E. R. French was the solicitor for Mr. Dobbins.

Robert Dobbins Granted Divorce.

Judge Hagner late yesterday afternoon

Acquitted of the Charge. George Wood was acquitted yesterday afternoon in Criminal Court No. 2, Judge Bradley presiding, under an indictment charging rape on Fodie Anna Grimes the 15th of last October. After the presenta tion of the case the district attorney announced that he could not expect a verdict of guilty, in view of the evidence, and the jury made a return of not guilty without leaving the box. Wood was represented by Attorney A. F. Mitchell.

Strawberries and London Hot House grapes. C. Engel's Sons, Center market.— Advertisement.

Jury Takes a Holiday. The jury in Circuit Court No. 2, Judge McComas presiding, was excused yesterday afternoon for the term. The court will conduct any further hearings until the

FOR PROPERTION OF FISH.

Commissioners Brepare an A ment to Pending Bill. Maryland Boy Sends Load of Shot The Commissioners, in submitting a report to Chairmans Babcock of the House District committee, on House bill 2525, "for the protection of fish in the District, for the maintenance of a permanent spawning ground in the Petomac river, and for other purposes," forwarded a draft of a bill, in the nature of an amendment to the bill introduced in the Senate the 80th of last

March by Senator Broctor. The measure submitted by the Commissioners amends Senator Proctor's bill by inserting after the word "propagation," in the thirteenth line of section one of his bill, the thirteenth line of section one of his bin, the following: "And that none of the provisions of this act shall apply to persons employed in catching young catfish, smelt, chub, bull minnows and crayfish, for use as bait in fishing with hook and line; pro-vided, that any person engaged in taking such catfish, smelt, chub, bull minnows and crayfish shall first have procured a written permit from the said commissioner of fish and fisheries to take such bait for hook and

In the Charlett any striped bass or black in the District any striped bass or black bass having a length of less than nine inches.

Meeting of the Washington Organiza

tion Last Evening. A meeting of the Library Association of

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Washington was held last evening at Columbian University. The report of the secretary, Mr. F. H. Parsons, reviewed the history of the association since its organization in 1894, and referred to the handbook issued, presenting statistics of all the public and some of the private libraries in the city. As far as the association has been advised, the total number of bound volumes in the city libraries is 1,300,277 that of pamphlets, 772,660; of pieces of sheet music, 200,000; of naps, 104,000, and of photographic negatives, 5,750. Mr. Par-sons' report as treasurer indicated receipts to the sum of \$150.80, and expenditures to

the sum of \$130.80, and expenditures to the sum of \$118.65.

New members were admitted as follows: Mrs. E. F. Happer of the Columbian Uni-versity, Miss Nella E. Bealin of the library of Congress, Dr. Thomas Gill of the Smith sonian Institution and Prof. H. M. Paul,

United States navy.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. H Carrington Bolton; vice presidents, Miss M. A. Gilkey and Mr. Herbert Friedenwald; secretary, Mr. F. H. Parsons (re-elected); additional members of the ex-ecutive committee, Miss Margaret C. Dyer, Mr. William L. Boyden and Miss J. A. Clark.
The newly elected president exhibited

RELIEF MAP IN PLASTER.

some rare manuscripts.

Object Lessons in Social and Industrial Life.

In order to show the close connection be ween the region and the social and industrial life of people, the department of ethcology, National Museum, has constructed relief map in plaster, colored to show the geological features of southwest Colorado, southern and central Utah as far as Salt Lake, nearly all of Arizona, and New Mexico as far east as the Rio Grande river ex-This area is sometimes called the arid re-

gion, also the Pueblo country. It includes the territory of cliff dwellers, cave dwellers, crater dwellers, mesa dwellers and that portion of land and other por-ticrs of the Pueble land. In this re-gion is a basin of the lower Colorado, the Little Colorado, the Gila and Rio Grande rivers. While this territory differs from the buffalo plains on the east and the coast area of Colorado on the west, great-ly within itself, it also possesses a remark-able variety of its own features, so that combined in only one Pueblo region there are half a dozen types, shown by houses, pottery, basketry and modes of living. The map is marked to express these varieties. A separate court at the museum, with its galleries, will embrace the ethnical features of this map, consisting of figures and groups, models of various types of houses, and separate cases, in which each special art is shown in its distribution through the arid region. When completed, this map, with its accompanying exhibit, will present the best picture of a culture region to be seen in any museum in the world. In addition to the map, on all the collections there will be large labels and small ones, photographs, drawings, and a small libra-ry, accessible to every visitor who wishes to study along these lines.

A Worthy Charity.

For several years past it has been the custom of Messrs. Saks & Co., the men's and boys' outfitters, to give overcoats at Christmas time to 100 or more needy boys. Maj. Moore, head of the police department, acknowledges the receipt from Saks & Co. of 100 orders on them for boys' ulsters, which he has distributed. The boys will get their coats on Christmas morning at Saks & Co.'s store; they being closed on that day, except for the bestowal of this commendable charity.

A Pound of Facts is Worth an Ocean of theories. And a pound of Jas. F. Oyster's butter will cut more ice with a successful Christmas dinner than a two column speech. 900 Pennsylvania avenue, Co and 5th and K street markets.-Advt.

Free Dinner to the Poor.

Dorcas Mission, 346 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, will give a free dinner for the benefit of the poor, especially the women and children, at 2 p.m., Monday, December 27. The mission is in charge of Mrs. Annie

E. Brown and Mrs. Etta J. Webster, and has no connection with the soup mission, temporarily located at the same number. Persons wishing to assist in the movement may send donations to Dorcas Mission.

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Fencibles' Christmas Tree. The National Fencibles will celebrate

Christmas by having a tree in the evening of that day. The members have been buy ing appropriate presents for each other for the past week, and as these are all suggestive of some peculiar characteristic of the receiver, much merriment is anticirated. Only the active and associate mem bers have been invited owing to the limited quarters. Santa Claus will appear at 10 o'clock p.m. New Year eve the usual informal dancer will be given the lady friends of the company, and to this will be admitted only the members and their lady friends, no cards being issued. These en-tertainments will be in charge of a com-mittee composed of Messrs. Stelle, Notting-

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Leather Goods Lutz & Co., Also hig line of Lap Robes and Driving Gloves, de7-12d DEATH FROM ACCIDENT.

Through His Brain.

Aubrey Soper, a sixteen-year-old boy, living near Silver Hill, Prince George's county, Md., a short distance from Anacostia, accidentally shot and killed himself Tuesday evening about 4 o'clock. In company with his brother Roy, who is a few years his junior, and two little cousins, the boy had gone on a gunning expedition in the afternoon. When they were returning his three companions hastened ahead as they came in sight of the home. Aubrey stopped behind to fix something about his shotgun, which was still loaded. Those in advance heard a sudden report, and, on turning around to discover its meaning, they saw Aubrey falling. They returned at once, but when they reached the lad he was dead, the charge of shot having entered his brain. The dead boy had been attending the Van Buren School at Anacostia, and was a pupil of the fourth grade. He was well liked by of the fourth grade. He was well liked by his companions. His father, Thomas Soper, is employed in the Interior Department. The funeral of the dead boy was held to-day from St. Ignatius' Church, Oxon Hill, day from St. Ignatius' Church, Oxo Md. Rev. Father Larkin officiated.

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Mr. Frank C. Roach, private secretary of Commissioner Wight, is off on a week's

Estimates Submitted. Auditor Petty has submitted to the Commissioners for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury the following estimates for insertion in the urgent deficiency appropriation bill: To pay J. C. Hurst, for lots 35 and 36, block 1, of Clark and Hurst's subdivision of White Haven, \$1,702.83; to pay the

treasurer of the girls' reform scho

83.50 Holiday Rates to Ft. Monroe \$3.50 Norfolk, Portsmouth & Newport News. Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co. will ell tickets to above points Dec. 22, 23 and 24—good to return thii Jan. 2, inclusive—at \$2.50 for the round trip. See ad., page— Advertisement.

from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897, \$000.

Relief Union Chooses Lenders. The Woman's Veteran Relief Union, auxiliary to John A. Logan Command, No. 2, Union Veterans' Union, has elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Mrs. Hazard Wheeler, president; Mrs. Georgia Evens, senior vice president; Mrs. Mary Goram, junior vice president; Mrs. E. Yingling, chaplain; Mrs. C. A. Kibbe, treasurer; Miss Mamie McMiniman, conductress; Mrs. Ida B. Roe, pianist; Mrs. Florence A. Miller, secretary; Mrs. M. A. Burke, inside guard; Miss Louise Seward, outside

Wants a Divorce.

Suit for divorce has been filed by Cordelia Leftwich against Sidney Leftwich, who charges cruel treatment, habitual drunkenness and non-support. Perri W. Frisby is the attorney for the plaintiff.

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ENCOURAGING RESPONSES. Report Made of Contributions to Pro-

posed Christmas Dinner. Maj. Ashley Pebbles, the chief division officer of the Salvation Army, presided at a meeting at Wesley Chapel last evening of those specially interested in the proposed children's Christmas dinner and entertainment at Center Market Hall next Wednesday, and announced that encouraging responses had been made to the appeal for contributions. Some prominent citizens and a number who are not prominent, he said. have given generously, but very much more is needed if the army is to meet its mark and entertain a thousand poor children. The desire was expressed by the officers of the army and the members of the Auxiliary League that everybody who could contrib-ute would do so promptly, at least giving notice to Major Pebbles at 928 R street before Sunday, so that he might know how many tickets to distribute. The number of children invited will be determined by the amount of money and supplies contrib-uted. The Salvation Army and its imme-diate friends will do the great amount of work involved, but the charitable people of Washington must furnish the means

Supplies may be sent directly to Salva-tion Army Hall, 930 Pennsylvania avenue and contributions to the following chairmen of committees: Mrs. H. B. F. Macfarland, 1816 F street, turkeys; Mrs. A. T. Cavis, 5 K street, fresh fruit; Mrs. R. E. Hardwick, 823 New Jersey avenue, flowers; Mrs. M. Bond, 114 H street, vegetables Mrs. Anna Reed, 1531 P street, bread; Mrs Alfred Wood, 900 Rhode Island avenue absence, Mr. T. F. Alvey of the secretary's office filling the place meantime. musical program; Mr. C. C. Billings, 926 R street, Christmas trees and decorations; Mrs. Turner, Lincoln Hotel, tables; Mrs. Tapp, 405 Florida avenue, tea and coffee.

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